## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

# INFORMATION REPORT

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2.	Pharmaciss  Since the nationalization of pharmacies in 1949, pharmacists have been paid by the State. There are the following categories of pharmacists:  a. Pharmacist first class;  b. Pharmacist second class;  c. Assistant pharmacist; and	
2.	d. Pharmacist's helper.  a pharmacist in Aytos (N 42-42, E 27-15), in order to obtain medicines, forwarded his applications to the	25 <b>X</b> 1
3.	Aptechno Upravlenie (Pharmacy Management) located on Bugurili Street in Burgas and each night paid in the proceeds from his sales to the Management.  Medicines are partly produced domestically in State enterprises and partly imported from the Soviet Union, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. The Galenus Factory in Sofia produces and supplies various tinctures, syrups, iron compounds—anise and quinquina. The pharmaceutical laboratory of the Burgas DSAP (Durzhavno Sanitarno Apotechno Predpriyatie; State Health and Pharmaceutical Enterprise) produces and provides antibiotics. A branch of the Galenus Factory is also located in Burgas.	
4.	Sulfonamides, phenacetin antibiotics, antipyrines, aspirins, etc. are supplied by the USSR.	
5.	Purchase of Antibiotics and Sulfonamides  Pharmacists are allowed to sell antibiotics to private individuals only by prescription bearing the signature of two doctors and certification by the district doctor.	•
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6. The sale of sulfonilamides requires the signature of only one doctor.

#### Medical-Health Assistance

- 7. Medical-health assistance is free even for citizens who do not work in industry.
- 8. Doctors not engaged by hospitals are required to take turns in helping with such work. Each doctor works a 12-hour day, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Blood Donations

9. There is no special organization concerned with collecting blood donations. Donors are volunteers but are paid for their donations. Prior to the monetary reform, donors received between 3,000 and 4,000 leva for 200 grams of blood.

#### Salaries

10. The monthly salary of government workers varies between 400 and 800 leva. A pharmacist, for example, receives a little more than 500 leva; prior to the monetary reform, pharmacists received 16,000 leva.

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